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Post to observe National American Indian Heritage Month

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The 1st Engineer Brigade is slated to host a National American Indian Heritage Month observance and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 12 here at the Mahaffey Museum Engineer Regimental Room.

Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, from the Osage Nation and First Sgt. Richard Oxendine are scheduled to be the keynote speakers for this event.

This year's theme is "Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations."

Today, 22,248 American Indians serve in the Armed Forces, accounting for 1.7 percent of the military population.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 and may be obtained through brigade Equal Opportunity advisers, or the installation EO Office located in Building 315, or by calling 573-596-0601.

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For more information, or to attend this event, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

Enclosed: (1) Flyer

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains about 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting a colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
